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Grocery Prices Inquiry – Horticulture Code Submissions
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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MELBOURNE VIC 3001

By email: grocerypricesinquiry@accc.gov.au

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Horticulture Code of Conduct

The NSW Farmers' Association (the 'Association') would like to advise the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Inquiry into the Horticulture Code of Conduct of the Association's support of there being only one Code which is a combination of the mandatory Horticulture Code of Conduct and voluntary Produce and Grocery Industry Code of Conduct.

The Association understands that Coles has recently made it known that they see benefits in participating in only one Code of Conduct. Furthermore the Association believes the essential elements of this proposed single code should be that:

- it remains mandatory;
- it is extended to include retailers, processors, exporters and others where appropriate who transact with grower entities; and
- an appropriate Committee should be established to review and combine existing codes.

This letter should be viewed as complementary to the detailed submission which the Association has already provided on this important issue.

Yours sincerely



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